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Minutes 08/27/2007

Minutes of the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee

August 27, 2007, First Floor Conference Room, Town Hall Annex

Present: Joseph A. Curro, Jr. (Chair), Greg Jackmauh, Lisa Lazarczyk

Absent: Alfonso Sira

The meeting was called to order by the chair shortly after 7:00 p.m and was attended by numerous neighbors to the Symmes project and representatives of Symmes Redevelopment Associates.

The committee reviewed the 2007 minutes of February 26, 2007; April 2, 2007; May 8, 2007; June 20, 2007; and August 6, 2007. Ms. Lazarczyk moved approval of each set of minutes in turn. Mr. Jackmauh seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

The committee discussed its internal organization and the need to have a presiding officer upon the expiration of the chair's term. There was discussion of previous precedent, whereby the resignation of the chair led to the vice chair acting as chair until a subsequent election of a chair-designate and confirmation by the Redevelopment Board. Upon motion of Ms. Lazarczyk and second of Mr. Jackmauh, the committee unanimously elected Mr. Jackmauh vice chair.~ The chair promised to send Mr. Jackmauh information relating to the procedure for calling a meeting and other logistical information.

The committee discussed the newly appointed designated town representative, Kevin Nigro. The chair referenced calls that he made to neighbors of the Dallin School and Park Circle Fire Station, where Mr. Nigro served on public projects. Mr. Jackmauh referenced a call with Tom Murray, who had good things to say about PMA, but wasn't aware that they were experienced in this kind of undertaking. The chair noted Mr. Nigro's desire to meet with the committee, and recommended the possibility of a meeting on Thursday, August 30 at 4:00 or 4:30.

The committee discussed an array of issues with Jake Upton and Sandi Wolchansky of Symmes Redevelopment Associates. In answer to questions about maintenance of Summer Street frontage, SRA noted plans to bring in a landscaper within the next week or two and their desire to tie this in with abatement work.

During brief discussion of SRA's pest control program, SRA noted that the program had been approved by Director of Health and Human Services Christine Connolly and the Board of Health. They further stated that:

- Poison has the potential to make other animals sick if ingested directly, but should not transfer if a poisoned animal is eaten by a predator. The antidote to accidental poisoning of larger animals is apparently Vitamin K1.
- JPI would own the program and the problem.
- The timing of perimeter fencing installation behind the Nurses' Building was connected to the program.

There was discussion of the construction kick-off meeting. Mr. Jackmauh asked who received letters of notification. SRA replied that the distribution was based on a list of streets provided by the SNAC chair and promised to provide a list of all actual households. Part of the discussion revolved around the

responsibility of SNAC -- per the NPP -- to provide a list of individuals who would like to receive project updates. The chair suggested the possibility of enabling an announcement-only email list, whereby interested persons could self-manage their subscriptions.

There was brief discussion of abatement scheduling and NPP notification requirements, and divergent views over whether these had been adhered to by SRA.

During discussion of demolition of the Nurses' Building, SRA stated a desire to install utilities and perform abatement at the site to demonstrate its viability for marketing purposes

On motion of Ms. Lazarczyk and second of Mr. Jackmauh, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at approximately 8:30 p.m., allowing committee members and other attendees to attend further discussions of the Symmes project before the Redevelopment Board.